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THE LAST PATRIOT VETERANS OF THE REVOLUTION

In the midst of the Civil War (a.k.a. the "War Between the States" to some of our compatriots) there were still 12 individuals receiving pensions for their service as American soldiers of the Revolution. Only one lived to see the end of the war that nearly broke in two the nation that he helped to found. The 12, all but 2 of whom resided in New York or New England, were: ... *see right*

Two names were added to the list of Revolutionary War pensioners *after* the Civil War. On February 14, 1867, Congress authorized special pensions (retroactive to June 1, 1866) for **Daniel Frederick Bakeman** and **John Gray**. Neither Bakeman nor Gray could meet the criteria for pensions under earlier pension laws - Gray because he served for less than six months in the Virginia Militia and Bakeman because he could not locate records of his service in the New York Militia.



Amaziah Goodwin, Alfred, Maine, died 22 June 1863, age 105

Benjamin Miller, Albany, New York, died 24 September 1863, age 100

John Goodnow, Boston, Massachusetts, died 22 October 1863, age 102

James Borman, Missouri, died 10 January 1864, age 102

Samuel Downing, Edinburg, New York, died 16 March 1864, age 102

Jonas Gates, Chelsea, Vermont, died 18 March 1864, age 101

John Pettingill, Henderson, New York, died 23 April 1864, age 99

Rev. Daniel Waldo, Syracuse, New York, died 30 July 1864, age 103

William Hutchins, York, Maine, died 4 August 1864, age 102

Adam Link, Sulphur Springs, Ohio, died 15 August 1864, age 103

Alexander Milliner, Adams Basin, New York, died 15 March 1865, age 105

Lemuel Cook, Clarendon, New York, died 20 May 1866, age 107



New Hampshire



Minute Man

Gray, of Brookfield, Ohio, died on 29 March 1868, age 104 years. Bakeman, of Freedom, New York, died on 5 April 1869, age 109 years. Even after Bakeman's death, it is possible that there were other, unknown survivors of the Revolution who never sought pensions or who did not otherwise make their service known.

In 2002, the NHSSAR participated in the dedication of a State historical marker in Antrim to survivor **Samuel Downing**, a former resident of that town. Downing, a spinning wheel maker, served in the New Hampshire troops during the Revolution. He is one of the few soldiers of the Revolution who lived long enough to have his image captured on a photograph. The last Revolutionary War veteran to die in New Hampshire is believed to have been **Joel MacGregor**, a soldier of Connecticut who moved to Newport in 1789. MacGregor died in Newport on October 31, 1861 and a State historical marker placed in Newport in 1976 identifies him as "New Hampshire's last surviving soldier of the Revolution."



Pictured above: Samuel Downing, the last *New Hampshire* soldier of the Revolution. Photographed by noted Civil War photographer Matthew Brady in 1864.

